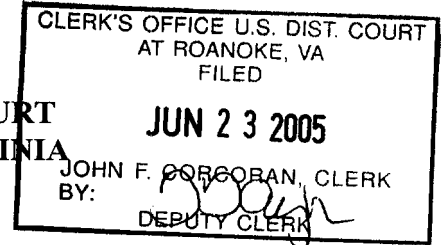


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ROANOKE DIVISION



MARK WADE RICHARDS,

Petitioner,

v.

GENE M. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS

Respondent.

Civil Action No. 7:05-CV-00239

FINAL ORDER

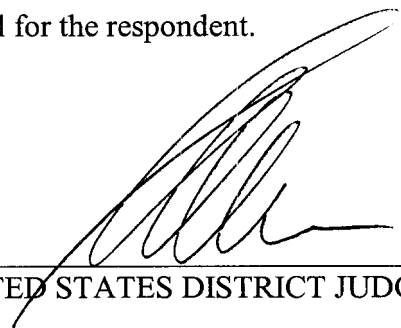
By: Samuel G. Wilson
United States District Judge

In accordance with the memorandum opinion entered this day, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **ADJUDGED** that the above referenced 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition is **DISMISSED**. This action is stricken from the active docket of the court.

Richards is advised that he may appeal this decision pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure by filing a notice of appeal with this court within 30 days of the date of entry of this order, or within such extended period as the court may grant pursuant to Rule 4(a)(5).

The clerk is directed to send certified copies of this order and the accompanying memorandum opinion to the petitioner and counsel for the respondent.

ENTER: This 21st day of June, 2005.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE